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*The Water Paradox* Orbis Books

All that makes this planet special is largely attributable to liquid water. Water in one form or another is found all over our planet, even encountered at depths of thousands of meters within the rocky crust. With a history of around four billion years, water has been around since the early days of Earth. Its presence in large amounts is unique to our planet, as are the outcomes and products of the water-involved geological processes. If Earth is to us a friendly home, it is thanks to all that water has created. *Global Water Dynamics*, written by renown geologist Emanuel Mazon is a unique book that deals with the global water systems via observations and multi-parametric physical, chemical, and isotopic measurements taken from a large number of springs and bore holes around the world. The obtained data leads to conclusions and working hypotheses that provide us with the detailed understanding of studied systems. It also allows us to see the forest beyond the trees, the global system of inter-related systems. These include recent cycling groundwater, connate water entrapped in sedimentary basins, as well as thermal and volcanic water systems, and the occurrence of petroleum deposits. The presented data and discussions lead to first principles analyses, as well as a long list of practical lessons. The content of this book addresses experts in the relevant fields, as well as university students in the earth sciences, hydrology, geology, petroleum exploration and exploitation, and environmental management and education.

*Water in a Changing World* Springer Science & Business Media

This book highlights what are likely to be the future megatrends in the water sector and why and how they should be incorporated to improve water governance in the coming decades. In this first ever book on megatrends for the water sector, 22 leading world experts from different disciplines representing academia, business, government, national and international organisations discuss what the major megatrends of the future are and how they will radically change water governance in the coming decades.

*Just Water* CRC Press

The United Nations World Water Development Report, published every three years, is a comprehensive review providing an authoritative picture of the state of the world's freshwater resources. It offers best practices as well as in-depth theoretical analyses to help stimulate ideas and actions for better stewardship in the water sector. It is the only report of its kind, resulting from the collaboration and contributions of the 26 UN

agencies, commissions, program, funds, secretariats and conventions that have a significant role in addressing global water concerns. The news media are full of talk of crises - in climate change, energy and food and troubled financial markets. These crises are linked to each other and to water resources management. Unresolved, they may lead to increasing political insecurity and conflict. Water is required to meet our fundamental needs and rising living standards and to sustain our planets fragile ecosystems. Pressures on the resource come from a growing and mobile population, social and cultural change, economic development and technological change. Adding complexity and risk is climate change, with impacts on the resource as well as on the sources of pressure on water. The challenges, though substantial, are not insurmountable. The Report shows how some countries have responded. Progress in providing drinking water is heartening, with the Millennium Development Goal target on track in most regions. But other areas remain unaddressed, and after decades of inaction, the problems in water systems are enormous and will worsen if left unattended. Leaders in the water sector can inform decisions outside their domain and manage water resources to achieve agreed socioeconomic objectives and environmental integrity. Leaders in government, the private sector and civil society determine these objectives and allocate human and financial resources to meet them. Recognizing this responsibility, they must act now! Two volume set: 336 + 96 pages (case studies). Includes CD-ROM. Published jointly with UNESCO Publishing. *The Global Water Crisis* ANU E Press

Discusses how droughts, floods, and massive storms along with the human population affects water usage, and explains how the competition for clean water has increased.

*Global Water Futures* Cambridge Scholars Publishing

Water is the next oil over which nations will fight wars. Severe water shortages already affect some 450 million people living in 29 countries, and analysts have predicted that tensions over water rights in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East could explode into violent clashes and even full-blown wars if governments do not manage existing water supplies more efficiently. Worldwide, 220 river basins are shared by two or more countries and the tensions caused by water scarcity will escalate in this century---the water shortage problems will be exacerbated by global warming and its associated unpredictable weather patterns. In 2001, the CIA predicted that by 2015, almost half of the world's population, more than 3 billion people, will live in "water-stressed" countries. How can communities that don't have millions of dollars to hire multinational engineering companies to build highly advanced (but also highly energy and chemical intensive) water- and wastewater-treatment systems? This book is full of practical, low-

cost, effective, ecological and economically sustainable, environmental friendly solutions for communities. In the 762 pages (with 185 diagrams and 910 photographs), readers will be introduced to many types of ecologically designed and engineered water- and wastewater-treatment systems, which communities can build with locally available labor, expertise, and resources. Table of Contents and Chapters Chapter 1. Solving global water crises and restoring the environment with ecological engineering. A new paradigm for crafting solutions to global water crises. The significance of ecological engineering. Who will control the water? Privatization, corporatization, militarization, and globalization of water and water rights. Global water scarcity and water use in agriculture. Case study: integrated aquaculture, biological pest control, nutrient recycling, and wastewater polishing in Chinese rice paddies. Chapter 2. Introduction to conventional water-recycling and water-treatment systems. Water intake. Chemical usage and storage. Flocculating clarifier: Coagulation, flocculation, and sedimentation. Filter cells and sand-filter systems. Recycled-water disinfection using chlorine. Pumps and electrical consumption in conventional water-treatment and recycling systems. Recycled-water distribution system and pumping station. Control systems and control room. Reverse-osmosis systems in water-reclamation plants. Seawater intrusion in coastal aquifers around the world. On-site laboratories for water analyses at conventional water-treatment plants. Forest and watershed protection for cost savings in drinking-water filtration. Chapter 3. Introduction to conventional wastewater-treatment systems. The role of fossil fuel and electrical infrastructure in conventional wastewater treatment. Solids removal by coarse and fine screens. Grit removal in grit chambers. Primary sedimentation in tanks and clarifiers. Conventional secondary treatment: activated-sludge and oxygenation aeration. Secondary treatment in final settling basins and secondary clarifiers. Biological filters and trickling filters. Sewage-sludge production and biosolids processing in conventional wastewater-treatment plants. Anaerobic digesters, biogas production, and on-site power generation using sewage sludge. Disinfection of treated wastewater effluent by chlorination, ozonation, and UV radiation. Sewers and pipe systems in conventional wastewater-treatment plants. Chapter 4. Ponds and aquaculture in ecological wastewater-treatment systems. Ponds in cost-effective sewage-treatment technology for small, rural, and remote communities. Models of pond hydrodynamics and biochemical processes in the context of treatment and purification kinetics. Pond designs. Small municipal wastewater-treatment systems. Upgrading facultative ponds and waste-stabilization pond effluents. Agricultural reuse of treated wastewater from waste-stabilization and maturation ponds. Algal



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[The Global Water System Project: science framework and implementation activities. Earth system science partnership. ESSP report no. 3. GWSP report](#) UNESCO Publishing

Burgeoning population and climate change are among the most critical challenges facing the 21st century. Both have critical implications for groundwater resources, especially in many developing countries where resources are already under pressure. Due to low rainfall and high evaporation in parts of the Middle East and North Africa, groundwater is not being renewed, and groundwater laid down up to 10,000 years ago is literally being mined for irrigation, often very inefficiently. Over recent decades, groundwater levels have fallen dramatically in key grain-growing regions like the American Great Plains and the North China Plain. As the population grows and emerging economies like China and India demand more food, especially water intensive meat products, agricultural demand for water is set to increase. The rapid shift of population from the countryside to the cities is also adding to this pressure; most old wells in Beijing are now dry. Pollution from industry, agriculture and shanty towns is destroying many groundwater resources; some could take 50 years to clean up even with strict and immediate controls. This volume looks at the technical, socio-economic and political problems being faced, and at the developments in groundwater science and management that may help create a sustainable future for our planet.

[Teleconnections in the Global Water System. Their Impacts on Local Water Resources, and Opportunities for Addressing Them in IWRM](#) Routledge

In a book hailed by Publishers Weekly as a "passionate plea for access to water activism," Blue Covenant addresses an environmental crisis that—together with global warming—poses one of the gravest threats to our survival. How did the world's most vital resource become imperiled? And what must we do to pull back from the brink? In "stark and nearly devastating prose" (Booklist), world-renowned activist and bestselling author Maude Barlow—who is featured in the acclaimed documentary *Flow*—discusses the state of the world's water. Barlow examines how water companies are reaping vast profits from declining supplies, and how ordinary people from around the world have banded together to reclaim the public's right to clean water, creating a grassroots global water justice movement. While tracing the history of international battles for the right to water, she documents the life-and-death stakes involved in the fight and lays out the actions that we as global citizens must take to secure a water-just world for all. As people around the world turn their attention to the effects of climate change, Blue Covenant is a timely and important reminder for us to take heed of the global water crisis's impact on humans and the natural world.

[The United Nations World Water Development Report - N° 3 - 2009 - Building a 2nd Generation of World Water Scenarios](#) Springer

This edited book is a collection of essays presented at the 3rd annual endowed conference held at Duquesne University, USA. The conference series addresses emerging concerns and threshold problems about the sustainability of our planet. The contributions gathered here highlight the inter-relation of topics and expertise from the perspectives of science and policy, religion and ethics, and pivotal global issues. The book concludes with an ethical analysis of the multiple and over-lapping challenges to paramount concerns that require urgent attention and long-term resolution. The book is written for scholars and students in a variety of disciplines and fields that deal with the earth's current survival and future flourishing.

[Global Water Dynamics](#) Routledge

Now in an updated edition, this pioneering and authoritative study considers the profound impact of the growing global water crunch on international peace and security as well as possible ways to mitigate the crisis. Although water is essential to sustaining life and livelihoods, geostrategist Brahma Chellaney argues that it remains the world's most underappreciated and undervalued resource. One sobering fact is that the retail price of bottled water is already higher than the international spot price of crude oil. But unlike oil, water has no substitute, raising the specter of water becoming the next flashpoint for conflict. Water war as a concept may not mesh with the conventional construct of warfare, especially for those who plan with tanks, combat planes, and attack submarines as weapons. Yet armies don't necessarily have to march to battle to seize or defend water resources. Water wars—in a political, diplomatic, or economic sense—are already being waged between riparian neighbors in many parts of the world, fueling cycles of bitter recrimination, exacerbating water challenges, and fostering mistrust that impedes broader regional cooperation and integration. The danger is that these water wars

could escalate to armed conflict or further limit already stretched food and energy production. Writing in a direct, nontechnical, and engaging style, Brahma Chellaney draws on a wide range of research from scientific and policy fields to examine the different global linkages between water and peace. Offering a holistic picture and integrated solutions, his book has become the recognized authority on the most precious natural resource of this century and how we can secure humankind's water future.

[Global Water](#) Springer

For decades now we have wasted and mismanaged the world's water supplies. Today, 27 countries are short of water, a quarter of the world's population has no safe water, 46 per cent have no proper sanitation and each year four million children die of water-borne diseases. As most of the world's major river systems cross several national boundaries, the scope disputes and the threat to international security is becoming more and more real. In *The Last Oasis*, Sandra Postel examines the economic, ecological and political factors affecting fresh water supply. She confronts the issues of mismanagement and profligacy and analyses and dangers of confrontation, both between nations and between rural and urban users. She also emphasises that the technology and know-how for effective water husbandry does exist. With methods already in use, farmers could cut their demand for water by 40-90 per cent, and cities by one-third, without sacrificing economic output or quality of life. Investing in water efficiency, recycling and conservation help meet rising demands and stave off disaster. But the priority is a common recognition of the gravity of the position, and with that a widespread push for institutions to manage sustainable use of water.

[Running Dry](#) National Academies Press

U.S. policies on the range of pressing international water-related issues—humanitarian relief, human health, economic development, environmental stewardship, and stability and security—fragmented, under-resourced, and insufficiently coordinated. In particular, both the U.S. government's current organizational structure and the resources it now commits to water-related policies are inadequate for meeting the global water challenge in its current form. And when it comes to addressing future trends involving water, the government's structure falls far short of what will be required to respond to the mounting complexities—and policy challenges—associated with the dynamic interactions among water, agriculture, the environment, and energy. To examine ideas on how to reform the structure and procedures of government to address the global water crisis, a working group of individuals representing diverse institutions and perspectives was organized by the CSIS Global Strategy Institute. This report and its recommendations were inspired by the working group and build on many of the valuable comments and reactions that were part of the group's deliberations.

[The Global Water Crisis](#) Earthscan

The Global Water System in the Anthropocene provides the platform to present global and regional perspectives of worldwide experiences on the responses of water management to global change in order to address issues such as variability in supply, increasing demands for water, environmental flows and land use change. It helps to build links between science and policy and practice in the area of water resources management and governance, relates institutional and technological innovations and identifies in which ways research can assist policy and practice in the field of sustainable freshwater management. Until the industrial revolution, human beings and their activities played an insignificant role influencing the dynamics of the Earth system, the sum of our planet's interacting physical, chemical, and biological processes. Today, humankind even exceeds nature in terms of changing the biosphere and affecting all other facets of Earth system functioning. A growing number of scientists argue that humanity has entered a new geological epoch that needs a corresponding name: the Anthropocene. Human activities impact the global water system as part of the Earth system and change the way water moves around the globe like never before. Thus, managing freshwater use wisely in the planetary water cycle has become a key challenge to reach global environmental sustainability.

[Global Water Security](#) Springer

This book highlights the relationship between the water sector and various other sectors in order to establish an improved understanding of the importance of water resources as an essential cross-cutting vector of socio-economic development. The book is both policy and practice oriented and is not constrained by existing definitions on water security. It includes actual experiences of policy, management, development and governance decisions taken within the water sector, and examples on how these have affected the energy and agricultural sectors as well as impacted the environment, and vice versa, as appropriate. It also discusses trade-offs, short and long-term implications, lessons learnt, and the way forward. The book includes case studies on cities, countries and regions such as Australia, China, Singapore, Central Asia, Morocco, Southern Africa, France, Latin America, Brazil and California.

[Last Call at the Oasis](#) Bloomsbury Publishing USA

A study of the necessity and availability of a supply of fresh water from the perspective of Christian ethics, this revised edition

includes new data and updates on social developments related to water crises, as well as insights from Pope Francis's encyclical *Laudato Si'* and a discussion of water justice from the perspective of the events at Standing Rock.

*The Global Water System Project* Routledge

A radical new approach to tackling the growing threat of water scarcity. Water is essential to life, yet humankind's relationship with water is complex. For millennia, we have perceived it as abundant and easily accessible. But water shortages are fast becoming a persistent reality for all nations, rich and poor. With demand outstripping supply, a global water crisis is imminent. In this trenchant critique of current water policies and practices, Edward Barbier argues that our water crisis is as much a failure of water management as it is a result of scarcity. Outdated governance structures and institutions, combined with continual underpricing, have perpetuated the overuse and undervaluation of water and disincentivized much-needed technological innovation. As a result "water grabbing" is on the rise, and cooperation to resolve these disputes is increasingly fraught. Barbier draws on evidence from countries across the globe to show the scale of the problem, and outlines the policy and management solutions needed to avert this crisis.

**Integrated Assessment of Water Resources and Global Change** Yale University Press

"Pillar of Sand points the way toward protecting rivers and vital ecosystems even as we aim to produce enough food for a projected 8 billion people by the year 2030. Postel shows how innovative irrigation technologies and strategies can alleviate hunger and environmental stress at the same time. And she calls for a new ethic of sufficiency and sharing in response to

impending water limits."--BOOK JACKET.

*The Global Water System Project* CRC Press

Using the latest mapping techniques, J.A.A. Jones, Chair of the IGU Commission for Water Sustainability, examines water availability, the impact of climate change and the problems created for water management worldwide as well as possible solutions. *Water Sustainability: A Global Perspective* is one of the first textbooks to meld the physical and human aspects affecting the world's water resources. Part One outlines the challenges and investigates the human factors: population growth; urbanization and pollution; the commercialization of water, including globalization and privatization; and the impacts of war, terrorism and the credit crunch. Part Two examines the physical aspects: the restless water cycle, the impact of past and future climate change and the problems change and unreliability create for water management. Part Three discusses current and future solutions including improved efficiency and water treatment systems, desalination, weather modification and rainwater harvesting, and improved legal and administrative frameworks. Jones concludes by asking how far technical and financial innovations can overcome the limitations of climatic resources and examining the human and environmental costs involved in such developments. This book is the ideal text for any student of water sustainability whether approaching the subject from the point of view of international relations, geography or environmental management.

*Agriculture and the Global Water System* Springer Science & Business Media

This book brings together some of the world's leading water researchers with an especially written collection of chapters on: water economics; transboundary water; water and development; water and energy; and water concepts.

**Global Water Resources** Springer

This book investigates the current and future state of freshwater and the global drive to achieve the UN sustainability goal. It first explores the major barriers to achieving the goal and then examines some of the programs water managers are adopting to overcome those barriers. These programs include finding new ways to supplement existing water supplies, and greater acceptance of alternative supplies, such as recycled waste water and desalination; green infrastructures, and rain and storm water harvesting. It concludes with two chapters on water management tools, including asset management and strategic planning, which are of particular interest to small water and wastewater utilities.

*Global Water Dynamics* W. W. Norton & Company

This is a Festschrift in honour of Professor Asit K. Biswas, for his manifold contributions to water resources policy and management and his extensive efforts over six decades to generate, synthesize, apply, and disseminate knowledge at national and global levels. *Global Water Resources: Festschrift in Honour of Asit K. Biswas* includes invited contributions on global water issues from 23 globally renowned leaders in the public and private sectors, as well as academia, who have made significant contributions to the field of water resources policy, management, development and governance. The vision and expertise of this distinguished group of experts provides a unique focus on unfolding water issues and their bearing on world development. This book will be of great value to scholars, students, and policymakers interested in water resource governance, sustainable development, and climate change. The chapters in this book were originally published as a special issue of the *International Journal of Water Resources Development*.